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The preferred embodiments depicted in the drawing comprise a system to propel an air powered boat comprising means for propelling 10 the air boat 12 in any one of a forward, reverse and neutral turning direction having an engine 1 powering a propeller 2 in a single rotational direction (shown by rotational arrows), and a frame 3 for securing the means for propelling to the air powered boat. The single rotational direction is shown to be clockwise when viewing the rotating shaft of the engine/propeller from the engine end. One skilled in the art could easily adapt a counterclockwise rotating power source and reverse the directions of movement to the air boat contemplated herein. The means for propelling includes means for rotating 4 the propeller 2 about a transverse horizontal axis 5 from a first position in which the propeller produces a thrust to move the boat forward (as shown in Fig. 4) through a second position in which the propeller produces a downward neutral thrust (as shown in Fig. 3) to a third position in which the propeller produces a thrust to move the boat in reverse (as shown in Fig. 1) and to a fourth position in which the propeller produces an upward neutral thrust (as shown in Fig. 2). This invention has the ability to rotate the propeller, to dispose the propeller's rotational axis to a rear horizontal position to propel the boat forward, to a forward horizontal position to propel the boat in reverse and to two vertical positions, while the engine 1 continues to run. The engine powering the propeller of the present invention is preferably a variable speed engine operable in a single rotational direction.